

## LEADER OF SUBWAY BANDITS CONVICTED

Vincent Tomassi Took Part in 25 Raids on Stations During the Summer.

### SIX TO BE SENTENCED

Prisoner Is Questioned About the Murder of Patrolman Timmen on Woman's Tip.

Vincent Tomassi, 29, of 619 Gun Hill road, The Bronx, leader of a group of bandits who during the last summer have taken part in twenty-five robberies of subway and elevated stations, pleaded guilty yesterday before Judge Louis D. Gibbs in the Bronx County Court to three indictments charging robbery in the third degree and one charging burglary in the third degree. Tomassi will be sentenced October 5, the same day set for sentencing the other five men who were convicted of aiding him in the robberies which, though numerous, netted them only \$2,500.

Members of the staff of District Attorney Glennon of The Bronx questioned Tomassi on the murder of Patrolman Henry Timmen, who was shot on the night of February 21, 1920. A young woman, it was said, was arrested a few days ago and told the detectives that Tomassi had come home the night and boasted of "getting a cop."

The police were looking last night for three men implicated in the murder of Timmen. One of the men, a dry goods salesman of 282 Brunswick street, Jersey City, who was shot yesterday in the Linwood street station of the Fulton street elevated line. Three men mounted to the station just before Ciroello arrived. Ciroello refused to pay his fare at the first landing and went up the stairs despite the protests of Jennie Delaney, ticket agent. A minute later there were three shots and Ciroello came tumbling down the stairs. The three men escaped by running along the elevated structure. Ciroello died later in Kings County Hospital.

Seven temporary members of the Nassau county motorcycle force of policemen whose commissions expire tomorrow will be retained by Sheriff Smith on the condition that they promise to exert themselves in ridding the county of the wave of highway robberies and burglaries. The men may be added to the regular police force and instructed to do all sorts of police duty instead of merely watching traffic. Several holdups were reported at Mineola late Wednesday night.

Max Stoler, 22, of 1214 Pacific street, Brooklyn, was arraigned before Magistrate Brown in the Fifth avenue court, and when he pleaded not guilty to burglary was held in \$15,000 bail for examination October 5. Stoler was arrested by detectives, who said they found him with silver stolen from the home of Joseph Dempsey at 153 Seventy-sixth street, Brooklyn.

Four members of an alleged ring of automobile thieves were held in \$5,000 bail each for the Grand Jury by Magistrate Hatting in Jefferson Market Court. They are Adolfo Dagostino, 35, of 117 Seelye street, Brooklyn; Joseph Quaglino, 22, of 108 Seelye street; and Regina Szabo, 20, all of 108 Seelye street. They were charged with grand larceny.

### U. S. RELIEF SHIP, BOUND FOR RUSSIA, GROUNDS

Likely to Become Wreck in Gulf of Finland.

Helsingfors, Finland, Sept. 29.—The Finnish steamer *Albatross* reports that the large American steamship bound for Petrograd with a cargo of flour has grounded in the Gulf of Finland. The vessel is likely to become a wreck, the newspaper says.

By the Associated Press.

Moscow, Sept. 27 (delayed).—M. Kallin, head of the Russian Central Committee for Famine Relief, addressing a family mass meeting, said the Soviets already had supplied 432,840,000 pounds of seed grain in the famine area and now were faced with the problem of supplying 721,400,000 pounds for spring planting and bread to last the 30,000,000 sufferers through the winter.

The famine situation is so serious in the Volga region that Col. William N. Haskell, in charge of the American Relief Administration work, has announced that the children fed by his organization in Petrograd will be limited to 15,000 and in Moscow to 20,000, so that more food shall be afforded the Volga district, where the village children actually are dying of starvation.

By the Associated Press.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 29.—Oscar Scavenius, Foreign Minister, said that negotiations between the Russian Soviet Government and the Danish Relief Committee had been severed. He said that the Soviet conditions meant, in effect, that Denmark should provide relief funds without having a hand in their distribution. "Our attitude," the Foreign Minister continued, "is virtual with regard to that of America. We demand guarantees for the safety of members of the relief expedition and full control of distribution of relief."

### LINER ALMOST SWAMPS REVENUE CUTTER IN FOG

Guthrie Is Caught in Suction of Turiaba.

The revenue cutter Guthrie almost foundered in the fog that shut down over the harbor yesterday morning when she was caught in the suction of the United Fruit liner *Turiaba*, which arrived yesterday from Jamaica, the Canal Zone and the north coast of South America. The cutter finally got away from the side of the liner, but it was only by good seamanship that she was not damaged. The *Guthrie*, a small craft, had taken the revenue and customs inspectors down to quarantine to meet the liner.

The *Turiaba* brought forty-three passengers, of whom seventeen were Chinese going in bond across the United States to China. The fore kept the White star liner Adriatic outside for several hours. The *Canarders Aquitania* and *Seythia* also reported that the fog had delayed them.

### 1 DIES, 4 HURT IN BLAST.

5,000 Pounds Explode, Shaking All Kansas City District.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 29.—One workman was killed and four others were injured, three probably fatally, when five thousand pounds of powder exploded today at the plant of the Celscor Powder Manufacturing Company, near Dodson, a suburb. The blast was felt throughout Greater Kansas City. No estimate of the property damage was available, but houses within a wide radius were shaken and many windows broken.

## JUSTICE GANNON DISCUSSES TAXES AND MOTHERS-IN-LAW

Both Necessary and Both Misunderstood, He Tells Local Assessors in Brooklyn, Whom He Commends for Distributing Equitably the Financial Burdens.

"Taxes and mothers-in-law are much alike; both necessary and both misunderstood," remarked Supreme Court Justice Gannon while swearing in the local tax assessors in Brooklyn yesterday.

"It is strange," added Justice Gannon, "that the truism 'Nothing is sure but death and taxes,' should have as a corollary the truism 'Nothing is so distasteful as a mother-in-law.' The philosophers tell us that it is not death itself that men fear, but the violent separation of soul and body, and perhaps in the case of the other it is not the fact, but the violent separation of coin from the purse that hurts. The original colonies opposed taxation without representation, but the qualifications

reason has faded and we of to-day expect to have our say, but not to pay. "It is a popular sport to evade taxes. Taxes and mothers-in-law are much alike; both necessary and both misunderstood. This is caused by a little occasional antipathy and a good deal of alleged humor, and in both cases it is wrong. Treat them fairly and both taxes and mothers-in-law will yield a return, and whatever you pay you men know, as few others, the truth of the adage that 'virtue is its own reward.' You strive laboriously and you get criticism and objection and little help. But you work to make an equitable distribution of the financial burdens of the government and in the main the work is done most excellently."

## HURLEY DISCUSSES FILM CENSORSHIP

Chairman of Chicago Commission Presents Question to Charities Conference.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 29.—There are 16,000 motion picture theatres in the United States and the revenue taken in at these places of amusement amounts to an average of \$2,000,000 a day, Timothy D. Hurley, chairman of the Motion Picture Commission of Chicago, told the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

"It follows," continued Mr. Hurley, "that no one individual or combination of individuals engaged in producing films should have the uncensored right that any or every film produced should be exhibited without restriction. Such exhibition rightly come with State control under its police power, and have not been so held by the court of last resort."

\*\$767,000,000 in Admissions.

"The seating capacity of theatres in this country is more than 5,400,000. On the average this is filled several times daily. According to the governmental figures, motion picture theatres in this country took in admissions \$767,000,000 in the fiscal year ending in June, 1920."

"The Supreme Court has held that the motion picture business is not to be regarded as part of the press or as an organ or organ of public opinion and are subject at all times to municipal control. Notwithstanding court decisions the motion picture people have insisted at all times that they have the right to exhibit any picture that they see fit to produce, limiting themselves only to the borderline of criminal prosecution for producing pictures which are prohibited by the criminal law."

"These interests do not question the health regulations provided by the municipal government and relating solely to the physical conditions of the place of public exhibition. They insist, however, that the police power of the municipal government should not interfere with their exhibits, but that they should be allowed to exhibit any film that may appeal to their judgment—that judgment being based largely upon the condition of profit and loss as disclosed by their ledger."

"The City Council of Chicago recently took 1,500 pages of testimony of various persons having control and education of films and coming in direct contact with the family. These questionnaires, after being analyzed by Prof. Ernest W. Burgess, of the University of Chicago, showed:

- "1. Motion pictures interfere with school work."
- "2. The moral effect is bad."
- "3. The views of life and life's duties are false and distorted."
- "4. That the sex and vampire films appeal to the children."
- "5. That there is less respect for authority than heretofore."
- "6. That children from seven years up are precocious about the sex question."
- "7. That there is a noticeable disregard in reference to the marriage tie and a bad effect on modesty and purity."
- "8. That the children disregard the home and are dissatisfied therewith."
- "9. That the physical effects on the children as a whole are harmful, the eye strain is severe, the nerves affected, decreased vitality and dull mentality."
- "10. That the effect on the rising generation on the whole is bad."
- "11. The average attendance of children of school age is two to three times a week."

### CONTESTS HIS AUNT'S WILL.

Herbert Lewis Charges Uncle Exerted Undue Influence.

Herbert D. Lewis of 270 Riverside Drive, secretary and treasurer of the Champion Laundry, 46 West Fifty-fifth street, yesterday started a contest of the will of Mrs. Roseetta B. Hodgman, his aunt, who died December 16, 1918. He claims she was unduly influenced by her brother, John A. Lewis, who lives at the Murray Hill hotel, to whom she left all her estate, to the exclusion of her nephew, Herbert. The son of the late Thomas Lewis, Jr. Thomas and John Lewis, together with Mrs. Hodgman and a fourth child, shared the \$1,500,000 estate of their father, Thomas Lewis, builder in New York, who died in 1882, and who was a friend of the late Mark Henry Green. Surrogate Foley set the contest for hearing in October.

### WEDS MISS PAULINE DWYER.

From other cities: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson, Washington; Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Russell, Newark; Mr. and Mrs. James Mahan, Jr., Mr. J. E. Wagonseller, Mrs. M. J. Sweeten, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cross, Middletown, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corroon, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Butler, Freeport; Mrs. Sarah S. Wright, Miss Hester Wright, Miss Clara Wright, Robert Wright, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson Taft, Haverford, Pa.; S. V. Becker, San Francisco.

### HELD IN \$7,500 AS FORGER.

William Davenport Brown, 27, of 611 Victoria avenue, Montreal, who was arrested and locked up Wednesday night after he had put up a hard fight with two policemen, was held in \$7,500 bail yesterday by Magistrate Ryttenberg in West Side court for a hearing October 3 on suspicion of forgery. Brown was arrested with a woman in a restaurant in Forty-seventh street near Broadway. He has been living at the Hotel Netherland.

### MARRIED, DETAINED, FREED.

Mrs. Maria Sanjuero, who was married to a Spanish professor at Cornell University while he was visiting his home country, and who had been detained at Ellis Island because Spain's quota of immigrants for September had been exhausted, was released yesterday by orders from Washington.

## FEARS SLAIN WOMAN WAS RUNAWAY WIFE

Boston Man Sees Resemblance in Victim Found in Roof Rafters Here.

### NO CLUE TO MAN IN CASE

Letters and Scraps of Paper Found in Couple's Room Point to Identity.

A telegram which the police believe may clear up the identity of the woman known as "Pay" found dead above the ceiling of a room at 341 West Twenty-second street, was received last night from Thomas O'Donnell of Boston. O'Donnell said his wife, whose maiden name was Fay, had deserted him a year ago and had been living in New York. He asked that a full description of the dead woman be telegraphed to his attorney, John F. Hardy of 631 East Third street, Boston.

The autopsy showed that the woman was strangled to death with an apron string found knotted and twisted about her throat.

Some light on the tragedy was thrown by Mrs. L. B. Belanger of Montreal, who occupied for a time, with her husband, the room where the body was found. Mrs. Belanger returned to Montreal when her husband sailed as first engineer on a tanker. She said Mr. and Mrs. Fay, as she knew them, had mentioned that they had come from Nova Scotia. They received messages and remittances from Boston, giving Mrs. Belanger the impression that they had relatives there. She said Mrs. Fay complained of being ill, so that she was not surprised when told that Mrs. Fay had gone to St. Mary's Hospital.

So far as Mrs. Belanger observed, she is reported by his relatives as having no quarrels that she observed, and they appeared to be comfortably well off. Mrs. Fay never mentioned her maiden name, she said.

In an old grip found in the room where the body was discovered, detectives found scraps of a letter and other papers bearing the name "Townsend." These indicated that the woman was a native either of Cambridge, Mass., or of Halifax, N. S. A small box in the room bore a label showing that it had come from "Edith" in Cambridge, Mass. Police of Cambridge were unable to find "Edith" yesterday.

Fay passed as a marine engineer at the lodging house, it was said there by other lodgers and by the landlady, Mrs. Catherine Gannon. The police are trying to trace his movements since he left there Saturday after saying that his wife had gone to a hospital.

### AMERICANS IN PARIS.

Special Correspondence to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—The following Americans are registered at the office of The New York Herald of Paris: From New York: Prof. Joseph Plazarello, Milton J. Rosenberg, Carl Laemmle, Miss Rosabelle Laemmle, Master Julius Laemmle and Mrs. Anna Fiedler. From other places: Frank Cusans, Mrs. H. E. Valley, Chicago; Mrs. Paunleury Miller, Miss Stanley Miller, Miss Katherine F. Miller, Baltimore;

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### KNICKERBOCKER GRILL OPENS.

Forman Hotel Room Newly Decorated Since It Was Closed.

The old Knickerbocker Hotel grill room, closed two years ago when reconstruction of the building began, reopened last night under the management of Joseph L. Paul and New York now has another attractive eating place. It is done in light gray, and French chandeliers cast a soft amber light. Several large landscapes and filled into eight foot panels. Charles A. Platt was the architect. Edward Elkins's Los Angeles orchestra played for dancing.

Among those who entertained friends at the opening were Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Messrs. Vincent Astor, Angier B. Duke, Sidney Dillon Ripley, Bertram de N. Cruger, and John McEl. Bowman.

### BATHING AT ATLANTIC CITY.

Warm Wave Lures Thousands of Sojourners Into Surf.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 29.—A warm wave that had few equals during the summer has sent thousands scurrying into the surf. The water has been at just the proper temperature to make bathing a delight. Summer garb and fashions are seen along the Boardwalk, and the straw hat simply will not succumb.

Arrivals from New York at the Traymore today were Mrs. Merle Alcock, Mr. and Mrs. George Reuter, Mr. Franklin Black, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Walker of New York arrived at the Chelsea this afternoon.

Mr. H. F. Schwarz and Mr. P. P. Widge are among the later arrivals from New York at the Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Benton of New York have arrived at the Marlborough-Blenheim.

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## YOKO'S APPETITE FOR EGGS THREATENS TO 'BREAK' ZOO

Newest Monkey, Disregarding Present Price, Eats Four at a Time and He Eats Often—Breaks Shells on Own Head and There Never Is Any Waste.

Yoko, of somewhere in South America, the newest monkey to take up quarters in the Bronx Zoological Park, promises to be one of the zoo's most expensive pensioners, if something isn't done to curb his inordinate appetite for eggs. Not only does Yoko crave eggs beyond any other food but he insists on preparing them in his own fashion.

He may be seen any day in his cage with the stripe-tailed dog from Argentina—his inseparable companion—cracking an egg lightly on his head and then drinking it from the shell. The stripe-tailed dog looks on with a puzzled wrinkle between his brows, but he never interferes. Yoko will take no notice of eggs that are set before him in other than the natural state. And he never varies his ritual. The egg is always cracked on his own head, never on that of his friend, the stripe-tailed dog, or against the bars of his cage, and it is always cracked just enough. He doesn't lose any.

When the keepers observed Yoko's preference they experimented to see how many eggs he would eat and handed him

one after the other. He stopped at four then, and he stops at four now, but he calls for them often.

The monkey and the dog—it is a wild dog with some of the characteristics of a fox—were both captured at an early age and brought up together before they came to the zoo. They never quarrel, and appear to be quite disinterested whenever they are separated.

Raymond L. Dittmars, curator at the park, said yesterday it would be necessary to saw off the antlers of the chief of the red deer herd. He has been recognized by the others as boss of the herd for some time, but recently he has been running amuck so wildly that the rest of the herd are endangering life. He will be roped some time today and his big spread of antlers removed with a sharp saw. They will, of course, grow again.

All but one of the heavers who went on a pilgrimage up the Bronx River are back in their own enclosure. Head-keeper Toomey captured one of them Saturday night. The missing beaver has set off up the river again alone.

CHORUS GIRL ASKS \$25,000. Miss Rita Frederick, chorus girl in a former Winter Garden production, started suit yesterday for \$25,000 damages from the Winter Garden Company, alleging she was injured to that extent when a curtain fell on her during a performance on December 2, 1919.

### 26 HURT IN \$1,000,000 FIRE.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 29.—Twenty-six firemen were injured, three of them seriously, in a fire which caused damages estimated at \$1,000,000 to the plants of the American Hide and Leather Company here last night.

### PURDUE TO HONOR DR. STONE.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Sept. 29.—Purdue University, it was announced today, will pay a formal tribute to Dr. Winthrop E. Stone, former president, in the form of a memorial service Wednesday, October 12. The trustees, faculty and student body will participate.

## DAVID CUMMINGS DIES IN TORONTO HOSPITAL

Went to Ontario Several Months Ago Seeking Health.

Word was received last night of the death yesterday of David Gregory Cummings, 33, for several years a newspaper man of this city, in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. For several years he was Albany correspondent for newspapers in this city and also worked on the local staffs. He was a native of Russia and came to this country when he was sixteen years old.

Cummings went to Bon Echo, Ontario, several months ago on the advice of physicians, who said the climate probably would alleviate the heart trouble from which he had suffered for some time. As it was understood that he was in poor circumstances, his friends had arranged a benefit performance to have been given to-night in the Provincetown Theatre in McDougall street. The performance was called off when news of his death was received.

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